

Diversity in all aspects of American life has undergone vast erosion during the last century. I believe part of this erosion can be attributed to the concentration of ownership of our public media into fewer and fewer hands.

I can remember when major (and some smaller) cities could boast of at least two newspapers, each giving a different slant to the reporting of the day. The media today, especially since the advent of advocacy journalism, offer an almost universal liberal slant to the news. The public hungers for diversity. As proof of this, witness the viewership numbers for FOX News as opposed to the other networks during coverage of the recent combat operations in Iraq.

If the FCC liberalizes media ownership rules to further erode diversity in media ownership, the commission will be doing a vast disservice to the American people.

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